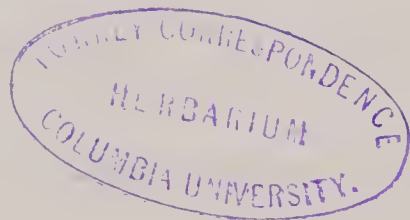


D. John Torrey
U.S. Army Office
New York.



Washington Aug 4, 1855

My dear Sir,

I received the drawings for the bot. report
upon Capt. Beckwith's collection yesterday.
I will urge W. Peckham to have the engraving for
all the bot. reports done by W. Peckham and
I hope the offer of the latter may be such as to
enable W. Peckham to give it to him. The
advertisements for bids appear in the
Intelligencer of Wash. I do not know what
New York papers they appear in.

I do not know how it is about the account for
the drawings of Beckwith's bot. report. I
Capt. Beckwith has not received it and they
know nothing of it in the Secretary of War's Office.
I do not recollect whether I wrote you that Mr.
McPherson ~~has been~~^{was} absent for more than six
weeks and has only resumed payments within
the last ten days. Perhaps it would be better

to have ~~some~~ accounts made out & I enclose you blanks.
Capt. Pickwith will pay this acct. The best
way to address it will be perhaps to the
Secretary of War, ^{Official business} ~~on the outside~~ and in
the left hand lower corner write
"Pacific Rail Road Ex." & I will
Then come free of postage & be sent to me
~~and~~ unopened.

I had concluded that you had left town
as I have written two or three times about
the illustrations of bot. of Piquis Survey
asking you to send them to me when
they ^{were} ~~are~~ finished, but I have not heard
from you about them. As you do not
mention them in your note ~~this morning~~ ^{received}
this morning I apprehend ^{my} ~~the~~ letters have not
reached you. My confidence in the mail
is not altogether implicit.

Mr. Warren tells me there are from 10 to
11000 words in Piquis' bot. report which at
the usual rate of payment would be
10 or 11 dolls. but in copying a manuscript
of such a character I should think 15 dolls.
would be a more equitable compensation.

Mr. Laman as you will recollect at first
decided that the best illustrations should
remain in your hands until they went to
the engraver. but since then he has
preferred that they shall go to him -
and it was for that reason I wrote
you asking that they might be sent
to me.

Very truly yours
W. A. Humphreys

How is it about the proof
of Beckwith's report (6th.) sent you -
It has not yet been returned to the
printer? For it?

(W. A.)

Prof. J. Ferry

Washⁿ Sept. 10.

My Dear Sir,

Will you send me
the drawings of your botanical
report upon Popes' collection.

They should go into the hands
of the engraver or at least
into Mr. Seaman's as soon
as I can get them there.

I was glad to hear Mr. Seaman
say the other day that
Prestete would probably
have all the bot. illustrations.

I send you a copy of your
bot. report upon ^{Gunnison's}
Beckwith's collection.

The printer wishes to know
if you desire any change

in the title - and if you wish
a paper cover for the copies
you requested might be
struck off for you -

Very truly yours

W. A. Humphreys

D. John Torrey

M. G.

Washⁿ D.C. Sept 12

My dear Professor, I have the
drawings of Capt. Beckwith's
bot. collection and also
those of Stearns's. I wrote
for Capt. Pope's - You may
recollect that more than two
months ago you sent me
eight of them, the remaining
two not being then finished.
At that time W. Seaman
(at least so I understood him)
was willing ~~that~~ to receive
all the botanical drawings
merely by a letter from me
saying where they were and
how many ^(then were) and I thought

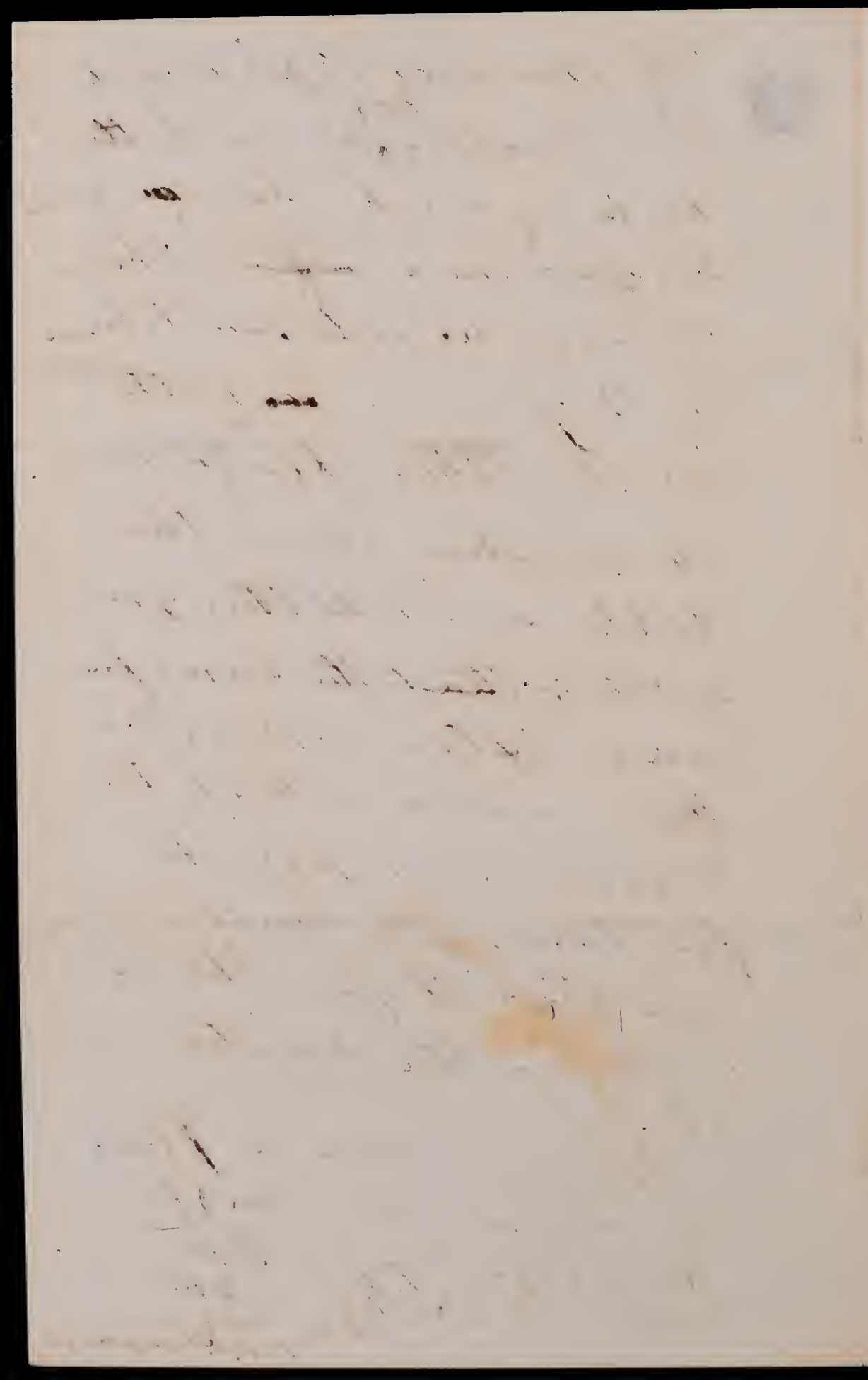
it much better that the engraver
should receive them from you
than from M^r Seaman or
myself - and for that
reason returned you the
eight -

Recently however M^r
Seaman has preferred
to receive every thing
literally from me, and as
the business is his of
course I have only to
accede to his request.
I mention this as ~~an~~ an
apology to you for
the trouble which ^{the} change
gives you -

The drawing of Popes' which
Mr. Prestele^{has} had better
keep until he has ^(from after which) completed
his specimens ~~after~~ I hope
it will be returned to him
by W. J. Haman, ~~for~~ with
all the others for saving.

The question about the
title was whether you
wished that the same for
your extra copies, as
that under which the
report was printed
for Congress - I will send
you the bill for them
whenever the printer sends
it.

I send you a blank (lest
you may not have one) for
the bill for copying Popes' Bot.
reprot. It is right at \$15
for 100 copies.
A. H. Humphreys



Offa Pacific R.R. & Survey
Washington, Nov. 26-

Dear Professor,

I have been prevented from acknowledging the receipt of the manuscript of your report upon Capt. Pope's botanical collection (delivered by Adams & Co's Express) by pressing duties. In regard to the drawings ^(of the same report) 8 in number, which you sent me early in the summer, by Adams's Express, they were returned to you immediately by the same conveyance for reasons which I have already explained. Although they have never been returned to me yet after the receipt of your last note I thought it possible they might have been to Capt. Beckwith - but upon inquiry of him and search everywhere no trace of them is found in the Dept. and no mention whatever ~~of them~~ ^{of them} is made in any letter received here by myself or others from yourself or Dr. Gray since the time of my returning them to you, except that the engraver had one or more of them for specimen engraving.

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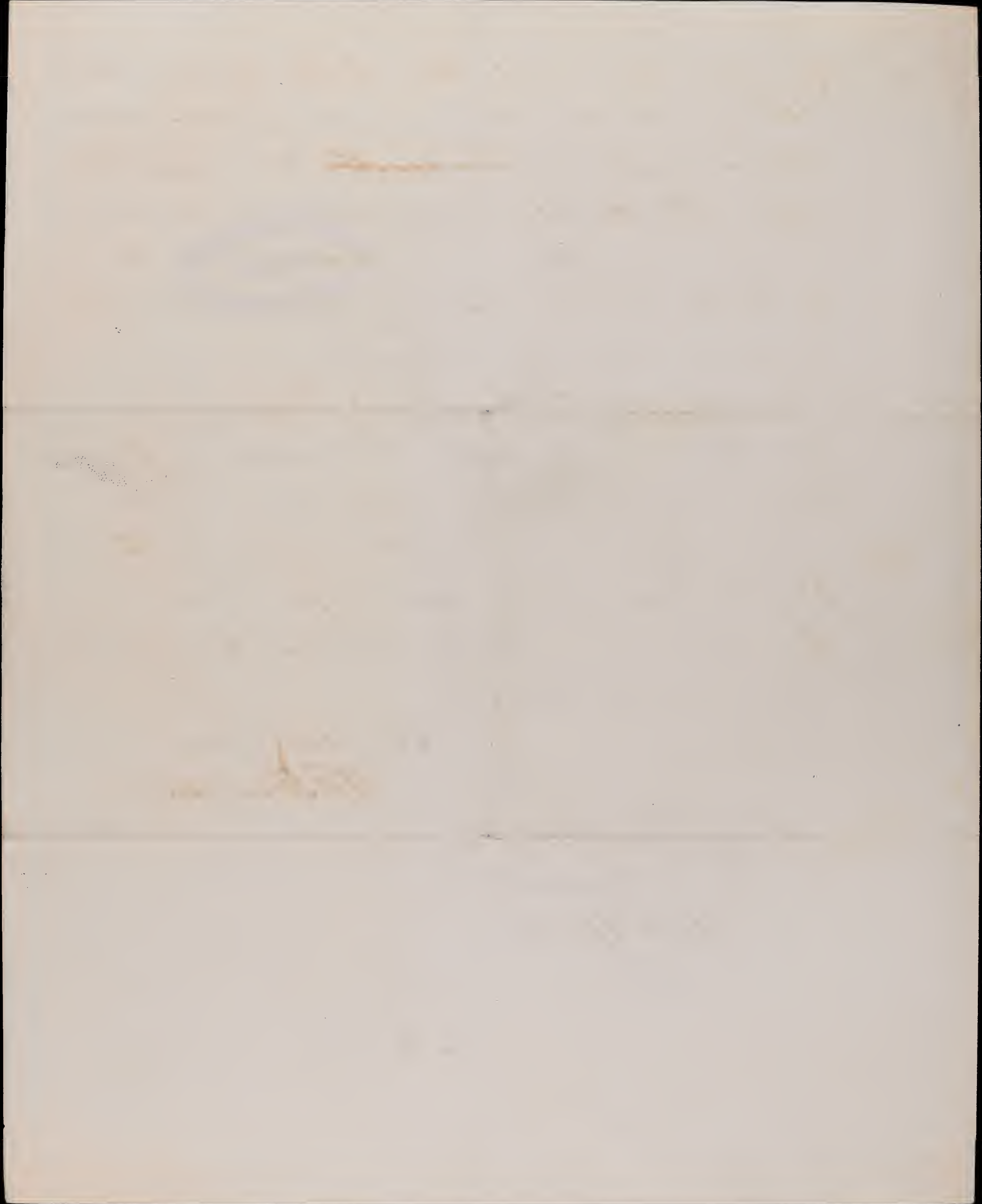
Can you have sent them to the engraver, Westley?

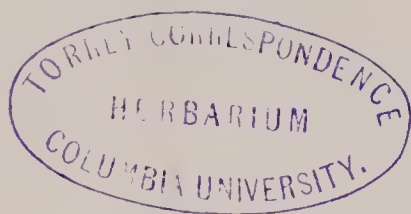
Please let me know - and please return
manuscript of ~~Beckwith's~~ your report
upon Beckwith's collection as we want
it for our file, - address on the
outside to Secretary of War, inside
to me - send by mail.

I send you by Adams' Ex. Express a
packet containing 150 copies of your
report upon Peper's collection & 150
of that upon Beckwith's which the
printer has just sent up to me
for you - Please let me know when
you receive them.

Very truly yours
A. A. Humphreys

Prof. John Torrey
No. 30 Wall St.
New York
N.Y.

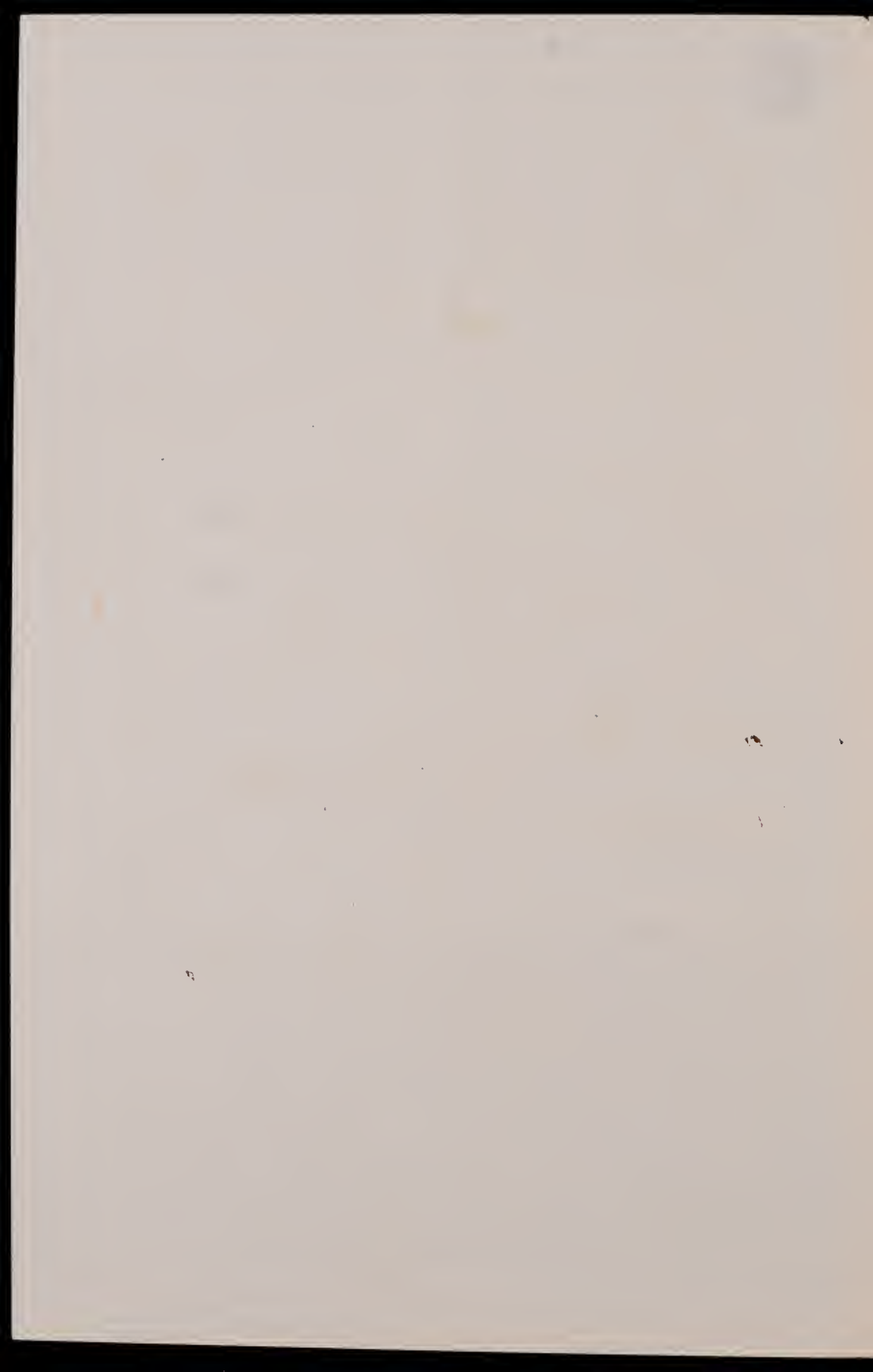




To Capt. Pope,

Dear Pope,

The Smithsonian
en Engraving has refused to take the
responsibility of ordering any
engravings or lithographs
for these reports. The sanction
of the Secretary of War was
given to the drawings for
the Natural History collection,
not for engravings or lithographs.
Thus he expressly refused to have
take the responsibility of ordering
in any case. - Whipple
desired me to ask an
exception in his case
so far as it applied to

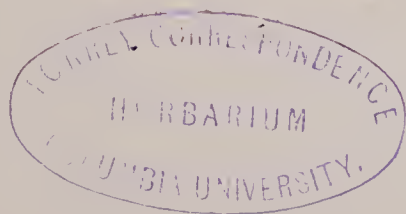


The Botanical part
preparing by Dr. Torrey,
which the Secretary
refused. ~~Dr. Torrey~~

This was undoubtedly
communicated to Dr. Torrey,
I can say nothing about
it either one way, or the
other until the Committee
of the House or Senate has
directed the matter.

Very truly yours

A. A. N.



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Capt. Pope.